

BPSS Strategic Planning Retreat

6.29.2017 – Draft Agenda

Objectives

- Develop a shared sense of BPSS strengths, challenges, and key decisions for the board to make as part of planning for the next several years; and
- Begin to define BPSS's unique role in Howard County and relationship to boards, commissions and working groups with somewhat overlapping purposes.

Agenda

- 9:00am **Welcome**
Overview of the agenda, “ground rules” and a quick warm-up exercise.
- 9:30am **BPSS History**
Brief reminder of BPSS’s original charge and bylaws, and a panel discussion with former board chairs about its evolution and major accomplishments.
- 10:00am **Current Challenges and Opportunities**
Presentation of findings from initial background interviews and research, followed by discussion in small groups to highlight focus areas for this next strategic plan.
- 11:00am **What’s the BPSS “niche”?**
Explore definitions “self-sufficiency”, related centers of work in Howard County, and important stakeholders that should inform BPSS priorities.
- 12:00pm **Lunch Discussion**
- How does BPSS have impact, and where can it have the most influence?
 - Brainstorm: what principles should inform what BPSS chooses to work on for the next several years?
- 12:55pm **Closing – Next Steps**